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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Docket No. 2016-97-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 2, 2016, pursuant to South Carolina Code 58-5-240 and Commission Rules 103-403 and 103-446, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") submitted proposed modifications to its Rate Schedules 206 (Schedule for Limiting and Curtailing Service), 207 (Balancing, Cash-Out and Agency Authorization), and 213 (Large General Transportation Service). These proposed modifications were administrative in nature. In its filing, Piedmont proposed an effective date of April 1, 2016 in order to coincide with certain changes in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") gas day nomination cycles.

On March 4, 2016, the Commission issued a notice of Piedmont's filing indicating that the Commission might not reach a final decision on Piedmont's proposed tariff revisions until after April 1, 2016.

On March 11, 2016, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a letter with the Commission supporting Piedmont's proposed tariff modifications as well as the proposed effective date of April 1, 2016.

In light of (1) the non-substantive nature of Piedmont's proposed tariff revisions, (2) the administrative importance of aligning Piedmont's nomination cycles with the new FERC nomination cycles on April 1, 2016, (3) the ORS's support for Piedmont's filing, and (4) the lack of any known opposition to Piedmont's proposed tariff changes, Piedmont respectfully reiterates its request for an effective date for these tariff changes of April 1, 2016. In the alternative, Piedmont requests that the Commission allow its proposed tariff changes to go into effect on an

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interim basis on April 1, 2016 subject to modification or amendment by the Commission in its final order in this proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott M. Tyler

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cc: Office of Regulatory Staff  
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